New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Janet M. Welch has announced 24 grants to libraries, historical societies and other organizations to preserve deteriorating library research materials. The grants, totaling $500,000 are part of a $2.24 million comprehensive, statewide program to preserve endangered materials important to the State.

The 2003 awards include projects that will preserve a number of collections of unique photographs, water-damaged journals, fashion illustrations and identification and documentation records. Examples of grants awarded this year are:

**CHEMUNG COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY -- Preservation and Reformatting of Charles Van Aken Glass Plate Negatives -- $3,383 -- 90 glass plate negatives of Van Aken's photographs documenting the history of Chemung County in the early 20th century. The Society plans to create duplicate negatives, interpositives and prints in order to preserve these historical images.**

**FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY -- Conservation and Reformatting of 106 Illustrations from FIT's Frances Neady Collection -- $22,823 - 106 original high-quality fashion illustrations from the Frances Neady Collection. Illustrations will be documented, repaired, and remounted in order to preserve this collection.**

**HUNTER COLLEGE/CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS PUERTORRIQUEÑOS -- Puerto Ricans in New York: Preserving Identity -- $28,830 -- Collection of 30,000 application forms with supporting documents, known as Identification and Documentation Records, tracing the history of migrant Puerto Ricans to New York between 1930 - 1945. Records will be archived and preserved on microfilm.**
The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials provides $500,000 each year for preserving materials in the collections of libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies. There is strong competition for the $500,000. The maximum grant award is $30,000.

Applications for the 2004 cycle are due on December 5, 2003. Questions about the program should be addressed to: Barbara Lilley, Conservation/Preservation Program Officer, New York State Library, 10C47 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230. Telephone: (518) 486-4864, E-mail: blilley@mail.nysed.gov or visit the Conservation/Preservation web site.

**2003-2004 New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials Discretionary Grant Award Winners**

**INSTITUTION** American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation Microfilming of Archival Collection  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** $30,000

**INSTITUTION** American Museum of Natural History Library  
**PROJECT TITLE** Ernest Seton Thompson Journal Project  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** $30,000

**INSTITUTION** Central New York Library Resources Council  
**PROJECT TITLE** CLRC Regional Environmental Monitoring Project  
**CITY** Syracuse  
**COUNTY** Onondaga  
**AWARD AMOUNT** $18,056

**INSTITUTION** Chemung Historical Society, Inc. (The)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation and Reformatting of Charles Van Aken Glass Plate Negatives  
**CITY** Elmira  
**COUNTY** Chemung  
**AWARD AMOUNT** $3,383

**INSTITUTION** Fashion Institute of Technology  
**PROJECT TITLE** Conservation and Reformatting of 106 Illustrations from FIT's Frances Neady Collection
CITY New York  
COUNTY New York  
AWARD AMOUNT $22,823

INSTITUTION George Eastman House  
PROJECT TITLE Rare Photographic Books & Silent Film Journals  
CITY Rochester  
COUNTY Monroe  
AWARD AMOUNT $28,591

INSTITUTION Hunter College/Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos  
PROJECT TITLE Puerto Ricans in New York: Preserving Identity  
CITY New York  
COUNTY New York  
AWARD AMOUNT $28,830

INSTITUTION Leo Baeck Institute, Inc.  
PROJECT TITLE Preservation Microfilming of the Joseph Braunstein Collection  
CITY New York  
COUNTY New York  
AWARD AMOUNT $16,567

INSTITUTION Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages (The)  
PROJECT TITLE Conservation Treatment of the Williamson Family Papers  
CITY Stony Brook  
COUNTY Suffolk  
AWARD AMOUNT $1,715

INSTITUTION Metropolitan Museum of Art (The)  
PROJECT TITLE Conservation of Italian Illustrated Books  
CITY New York  
COUNTY New York  
AWARD AMOUNT $30,000

INSTITUTION Museum of Modern Art (The)  
PROJECT TITLE Rehousing Photography Research Resources  
CITY New York
COUNTY New York
AWARD AMOUNT $30,000

INSTITUTION National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum, Inc., Library
PROJECT TITLE Collection Survey
CITY Cooperstown
COUNTY Otsego
AWARD AMOUNT $2,000

INSTITUTION New York Botanical Garden (The)
PROJECT TITLE Oranges & Pines: Conservation of 19th Century Illustrated Botanical Folios
CITY Bronx
COUNTY Bronx
AWARD AMOUNT $27,325

INSTITUTION New York City Department of Records and Information Services/Municipal Archives Division
PROJECT TITLE New York City "Old Town" Records Preservation Project
CITY New York
COUNTY New York
AWARD AMOUNT $30,000

INSTITUTION New York Public Library (The), Branch Libraries/Mid-Manhattan Library
PROJECT TITLE Creating a Secure, Climate-Controlled Environment for the Picture Collection's Reference File
CITY New York
COUNTY New York
AWARD AMOUNT $30,000

INSTITUTION Onondaga Historical Association
PROJECT TITLE Critical Need Project for the Photographic Materials Collection
CITY Syracuse
COUNTY Onondaga
AWARD AMOUNT $25,520

INSTITUTION Rockland County Archives
PROJECT TITLE Preservation of Rockland County Deeds and Court Orders (1852-1929)
CITY Pomona
COUNTY Rockland
AWARD AMOUNT $29,033

INSTITUTION Schenectady Museum Association
PROJECT TITLE Preservation and Reformatting of Steinmetz Glass Negatives
CITY Schenectady
COUNTY Schenectady
AWARD AMOUNT $19,704

INSTITUTION South Central Regional Library Council
PROJECT TITLE Environmental Issues in Preservation Phase IV of a Preservation Awareness Project
CITY Ithaca
COUNTY Tompkins
AWARD AMOUNT $11,195

INSTITUTION Upstate History Alliance
PROJECT TITLE Taking Care: The Basics for Preserving History
CITY Oneonta
COUNTY Otsego
AWARD AMOUNT $5,589

INSTITUTION Western New York Library Resources Council
PROJECT TITLE Preservation Training Program in Western New York
CITY Buffalo
COUNTY Erie
AWARD AMOUNT $14,813

INSTITUTION Whaling Museum Society, Inc. (The)
PROJECT TITLE General Preservation Survey of Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum Library and Archives
CITY Cold Spring Harbor
COUNTY Suffolk
AWARD AMOUNT $2,960

INSTITUTION Wilderstein Preservation
PROJECT TITLE Map and Indenture Re-Housing Project
CITY Rhinebeck
COUNTY Dutchess
AWARD AMOUNT $5,197
INSTITUTION  WNYC Radio
PROJECT TITLE  Archives Preservation Project - WNYC Radio
CITY  New York
COUNTY  New York
AWARD AMOUNT  $29,983

INSTITUTION  Yeshiva University
PROJECT TITLE  Preservation Microfilming of Manuscripts and Archival Collections
CITY  New York
COUNTY  New York
AWARD AMOUNT  $26,986

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